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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

10 OMNI INNOVATIONS, LLC, a Washington
11 Limited Liability Company,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 EFINANCIAL, LLC, a Washington Limited
15 Liability Company *f/k/a* PRIMEPLAN, LLC, a
16 Washington Limited Liability Company *also d/b/a*
TERMFINDER.COM; POLICYMATCH.COM;
MICHAEL and KATHLEEN ROWELL and their
marital community; and JOHN DOES I–X,

17 Defendants.
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CASE NO. C06-1118-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

19 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
20 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

21 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's attorneys' unopposed Motion for Leave to
22 Withdraw as Counsel and to File Declarations Under Seal (Dkt. No. 25), together with sealed
23 declarations of Plaintiff's counsel, Robert J. Siegel and Douglas E. McKinley, Jr. (Dkt. Nos. 26 & 27).

24 Having fully considered the papers submitted, the Court hereby GRANTS, in full, the Motion to
25 Withdraw. Mr. Siegel and Mr. McKinley are hereby permitted to withdraw as counsel in this matter. Such

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1 withdrawal is effective as of Thursday, October 11, 2007. Mr. Siegel and Mr. McKinley are hereby
2 DIRECTED to turn over Plaintiff's documents and files to Plaintiff or to the counsel of its choice and
3 facilitate the transition of the case to new counsel as required by the Rules of Professional Conduct.
4 Furthermore, the declarations of Mr. Siegel (Dkt. No. 26) and Mr. McKinley (Dkt. No. 27) will remain
5 SEALED.

6 Plaintiff is advised that, as a business entity, it must be represented by a licensed attorney.
7 *Rowland v. California Men's Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (1993) ("It has been the law for the better part
8 of two centuries . . . that a corporation may appear in federal court only through licensed counsel.");
9 accord *United States v. Unimex*, 991 F.2d 546, 549 (9th Cir. 1993) ("Counsel is essential for a
10 corporation at trial because it cannot appear pro se."). Therefore, Plaintiff must be represented by an
11 attorney and cannot proceed without such representation.

12 DATED this 17th day of September, 2007.

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14 BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk of Court

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17 By /s/ C. Ledesma

18 Deputy Clerk
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